IN THE ABSTRACT:

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LCD panel 12 is mounted on surface light source device 11 outputting an oblique preferential emission under emission promotion by scattering pattern formed on emission face 13C. Back face 13B provides a light control face correcting directivity toward a frontal direction in a plane parallel to incidence end face 13A. Directivity is further corrected toward a frontal direction in a plane perpendicular to face 13A by a prism sheet 21 which is coupled with panel 12 to provide a composite optical element unified with a polarization film 16. Output light from liquid crystal 18 impinges onto a polarization film 20. Light component corresponding to a transmission polarization plane of polarization film 20 is outputted out of the device after being transmitting film 20. Prism sheet 21 may be coupled with another member like polarization separating sheet member. Prism projection rows avoid from being damaged or deformed.